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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Takashi KITAGUCHI, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**References AO (10-186551) and AP (11-075108) on Form PTO-1449:**

Reference AO is cited on page 5 of the specification, and reference AP is cited on page 4 of the specification.

It is thought that the references fail to teach or suggest picking up an image of a target object in divisions as a plurality of partial images which overlap by a predetermined quantity, by generating the partial images to be displayed by dividing a full image of the target image which is picked up in advance into predetermined sizes using information relating to an overlap of the partial images.

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